



The YES Fund

OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Youth Engagement Scholarships

Purpose: Provide an avenue for youth in need of financial resources to participate in low cost/no-cost fee-based enrichment programming and activities offered in Oak Park and River Forest.

Eligibility: Children and youth under 18 or currently enrolled in high school, and residents of Oak Park or River Forest who wish to participate in enrichment programs offered by the following YES Fund partner organizations. See household income and additional eligibility requirements on page 2.

- **Intuit Dance**
- **Magical Minds Studio**
- **Oak Park Art League**
- **Oak Park Tennis Center**
- **OPRF Alliance**
- **Park District of Oak Park**
- **Pro Musica**
- **River Forest Community Center**
- **River Forest Park District**
- **School of Rock**
- **Steckman Studio of Music**
- **West Cook YMCA**

Application Process: Applications must be submitted by YES Fund partner organizations. Students and/or parents should contact a representative from YES Fund partner organizations to apply. See contact information on page 4.

Application Deadline: No deadline for scholarship applications. Ask partner organizations for program deadlines.



Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. Children and youth under 18 or currently enrolled in high school who are resident in Oak Park or River Forest.
2. Participation and/or equipment fees associated with enrichment programs offered in 2018 by the twelve partner organizations listed above.
3. Household income at 200% or less of the federal poverty guidelines (see page 3); or households that qualify for free or reduced lunch. Extenuating circumstances that affect household income will be taken into consideration.
4. The YES Fund will provide funds up to 75% of any one scholarship for a maximum amount of \$1,300 per child per year and \$5,000 per partner organization per year. Children participating in skill-based programs (e.g. sports, musical instruments, etc) will be eligible for multi-year grants.

How to apply for funding:

1. Contact our YES partner organizations to apply for an enrichment program.
2. The following information will be required for each YES scholarship applicant in addition to household income documentation. Ask our YES partner organizations for an application worksheet.

Parent's Name & Contact information	Applicant's Name	Age	School	Enrichment Program and duration	Type of fees (participation/and or equipment)	Amount requested	% of total fees	Availability of transport to/from enrichment program	Participation in additional enrichment programs in 2018

3. Household income will be determined by reviewing the most recent tax returns or documentation showing approval for free or reduced lunch:
 - a. Parents should submit the most recent tax return or approval letter for free or reduced lunch for each applicant.
 - b. Sensitive information on the tax forms such as Social Security Numbers MUST be blacked out.
 - c. Include a description of any circumstances that should be taken into consideration.
4. Scholarship applications (including free or reduced lunch/tax returns) will be submitted to the OPRF Community Foundation by our partner organizations and will be accepted on a rolling basis.
5. Applications will be reviewed on a weekly basis and turn-around will depend on how many applications in total and per organization are received on a weekly basis.
 - a. Scholarship decisions by the Foundation will be communicated to partner organizations.
 - b. Partner organizations should allow at least seven business days for a grant decision and an additional seven business days for payment.

Any questions? Contact Elizabeth Chadri at echadri@oprfcf.org.

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FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR FFY 2017

Size of family unit	100 Percent of Poverty	110 Percent of Poverty	125 Percent of Poverty	150 Percent of Poverty	175 Percent of Poverty	185 Percent of Poverty	200 Percent of Poverty
1	\$11,880	\$13,068	\$14,850	\$17,820	\$20,790	\$21,978	\$23,760
2	\$16,020	\$17,622	\$20,025	\$24,030	\$28,035	\$29,637	\$32,040
3	\$20,160	\$22,176	\$25,200	\$30,240	\$35,280	\$37,297	\$40,320
4	\$24,300	\$26,730	\$30,375	\$36,450	\$42,525	\$44,955	\$48,600
5	\$28,440	\$31,284	\$35,550	\$42,660	\$49,770	\$52,614	\$56,880
6	\$32,580	\$35,838	\$40,725	\$48,870	\$57,015	\$60,273	\$65,160
7	\$36,730	\$40,403	\$45,913	\$55,095	\$64,278	\$67,951	\$73,460
8	\$40,890	\$44,979	\$51,113	\$61,335	\$71,558	\$75,647	\$81,780



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YES Partner Organizations Contact Information

YES Partner Organization	First Name	Last Name	email	Phone	Website
Intuit Dance	Diane	VanDerhei	dvanderhei@sbcglobal.net	312 505 0186	http://intuitdance.org/
Magical Minds	Haj	Herbert	haj@magicalmindsstudio.com	708 948 7934	http://www.magicalmindsstudio.com/
Oak Park Art League	Julie	Carpenter	oakparkartleague@gmail.com	708 386 9853	https://www.oakparkartleague.org/
Oak Park Tennis Center	Luca	Bagos	lukabagos@gmail.com	312 961 0813	https://www.oakparktennis.com/
OPRF Alliance	Regina	Ripley	ripleyregina@gmail.com		www.oprfalliancesoccer.com
Park District of Oak Park	Trina	Hartz	Trina.Hartzog@pdop.org	708 725 2023	http://www.pdop.org/
Pro Musica Youth Chorus	Karen	Faust	karen@faustintel.com	708 305 0727	http://promusicayouthchorus.org/
River Forest Community Center	Dick	Chappell	dchappell@rfcc.info	708 771 6159	http://www.rfcc.info/
River Forest Park District	Mike	Sletten	msletten@rfparks.com	708 366 6660	http://rfparks.com/
School of Rock	Amy	Renzulli	arenzulli@schoolofrock.com	708 298 0002	https://locations.schoolofrock.com/oakpark
Steckman Studio of Music	Harry	Steckman	harrymsteckman@gmail.com	708 524 1954	http://www.steckman-studio.org/
West Cook YMCA	Tara	Lenardi	tlenardi@westcookymca.org	708 383 5200	http://www.westcookymca.org/